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“Trick or Treat”

Halloween safety tips

Trick or treat for *Columbus* and most surrounding areas is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

*This year Columbus police officers will be passing out 10,000 glow sticks. They were purchased with drug seizure funds. Glow sticks are fun & help children navigate at night.

Here are a few Halloween safety tips to follow:

- Adults should accompany young children and older kids should travel in groups.
- Children should wear light colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping. Adding reflective tape to costumes and outer garments will increase visibility.
- Carry and use flashlights or glow sticks after dark.
- Visit homes you know & stay within your neighborhood. Together with your child, map out a safe route so you know where they will be. Don't take short cuts through backyards/alleys.
- Remind children never to enter a stranger's house or vehicle.
- Encourage neighborhood block watches and citizens' groups to patrol the neighborhood.
- Drive slowly and schedule trips so as to avoid the times of heavy pedestrian traffic.
- If you must drive during these times, avoid distractions and concentrate on safe driving.
- Discourage children from eating their treats until they get home.
- Closely check all treats at home in a well-lit place. Remove all opened candies or treats not in their original wrappers. Inspect all fruit and homemade goodies.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police immediately.

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